

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A combination of positioning device for use in an apparatus for treating sudden cardiac arrest in a patient in a supine position by providing chest compressions at the lower end of the sternum[[,]] with a positioning device which prevents the apparatus from moving in a caudal direction, the combination apparatus comprising:

the apparatus including

a frame enclosing the patient at a sternal transversal plane; and

a pneumatic compression/decompression means unit mounted on the frame[[,]];

and

the positioning device including comprising

a flexible strap means having a first end, a second end and a tensioning component means disposed between the first and second ends, the flexible strap further including first and second end portions extending from the first and second ends, respectively, the first and second end portions each including comprising means for an attachment mechanism configured for attachment of the first and second end portions to the apparatus at first and second positions thereof, respectively, at least one of the end portions being releasably secured to the attachment mechanism, the flexible strap means also having a mounted tensioned length sufficient sized to extend around the patient's neck, ~~with the proviso that at least one of said end portions is~~ releasably attached.

2. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 1, wherein the tensioning component means is integrated with the attachment mechanism means.

3. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 1, wherein the positions of attachment are in an anterior frontal plane.

4. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 1, wherein the flexible strap means is selected from the group consisting of any of a strap, belt, ribbon, band[[,]] and wire and the like.

5. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 4, where the flexible strap means is of a polymer material such as ~~polypropylene, polyester or polyamide~~ or a mixture of polymer materials.
6. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 1, wherein the ~~means for attachment~~ mechanism comprises a snap connection.
7. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 6, wherein the snap connection comprises two members, one member of the snap connection [[is]] being mounted on the frame and the other member [[is]] being mounted on [[an]] one of the end portions of the flexible strap means.
8. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 7, wherein the frame comprises two legs disposed on either side of the patient, the one member of the snap connection being mounted on one of the legs.
9. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 7, wherein the mounting of the one member of the snap connection on the frame is releaseable.
10. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 8, wherein the mounting of the one member of the snap connection on the frame is configured to allow ~~allows said the~~ one member ~~of the snap connection~~ to be displaced between a proximal and a distal face of the frame.
11. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 1, ~~comprising wherein the~~ positioning device further comprises a neck support.
12. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 11, wherein the neck support is of a compressible material.

13. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 11, wherein the neck support is slidably displaceable along the flexible strap means.

14. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim 13, comprising wherein the positioning device further comprises a hindering mechanism operable to hinder means for hindering displacement of the neck support in a loaded state thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) The device combination of claim [[6]] Z, wherein ~~said the~~ tensioning component means includes ~~is comprised by~~ the member of the snap connection mounted on [[an]] the end portion of the flexible strap means.